

Thomas Johnson to George Washington, March 26, 1772, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM THOMAS JOHNSON, JR.¹

ANNAPO 26. Mar 1772.

SIR.

I inclose you a Letter from my Bror. John to your Lady² he was at my House last Week and intended then to have sent it but the post made so little Stay that tho' my Bror. went to the Office several Times he slipped him.—

There were some Expences on the Bill passed last Session in favr. of Mr. Semple it is usual here in Imitation of what I think a bad procedg. in England to tax fees on private Bills —this was taxed

To the Speaker—6.— the Clk of the Lo Ho—3. — .—Comon Money i e Dollars at 7/6 —and I believe in the Upper Ho. as much. I should be obliged by your having the Money remitted as I have paid part of it and promised to write to you on the Subject.

I am sr. Your most hble Servt. THS. JOHNSON. JUNR

¹ Born in St. Leonard's, Calvert Countery, Maryland, November 4, 1732; died at Rose Hill, Frederick Country, October 25, 1819. Elected first Governor of Maryland February 13, 1777. The vote for governor was as follows: Thomas Johnson, Jr., 40; Samuel Chase, 9; Matthew Tilghman, 1; George Plater, 1; William Paca, 1.

² ANNAPOLIS 21 March 1772. MADAM. The very bad Weather which prevented almost any Communication and my Expectation that the Means left with Miss Custis are not yet expended occasioned my not sending any

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more so soon as I designed—I now send by the Post a small Phial to be frequently smelt to as Hartshorne or other Drops commonly used to prevent fai[n]tness and a small Bottle of Ointmt. to be applied as before directed. The Decoction I left must be ap taken if Occasion requires it tho' I hope Nature will perform her Office without. I imagine it will be unnecessary to assure Miss Custis that I have the greatest Hopes her Happiness will be much promoted by regular moderate Exercise, temperate living which she may think Abstemiousness and her being attentive to keep her Body cool and open which last may I hope be effectually done and agreeably to herself by the Use of Barley Water and light cooling Food—Frumenty made of Barley or even of Wheat wou'd I think be very proper Food is agreeable to many and perhaps might be so at Times to Miss Custis—I hear that Master Custis said in Annapolis she was better I have great Pleasure in it and should be glad to hear more particularly of her State I am Madam Your most obedient Servant JOHN JOHNSON